

CITY OF TUCSON WARD 2 COUNCIL OPPICE

RODNEY GLASSMAN VICE MAYOR February 11, 2010

Representative Gabrielle Giffords United States Congress 1728 Longworth House Office Building Washington DC, 20515

SUBJECT: Support for the Tucson Solar Demonstration Project

Dear Rep. Giffords:

I write to support the application of the City of Tucson for funding for two solar demonstration projects through your FY2011 Congressional Directed Funding. The plans include placing 100 kW of solar panels at two locations: the Carol West Senior Center at Udall Park in my ward and the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center on Tucson's south side. Both of these locations are heavily used by the public for recreational activity, community meetings, and various public events. The solar installations would be visible to all using those popular facilities.

This funding would assist Tucson in its quest to be The Solar City, building upon our designation as a US Department of Energy Solar America City. These projects would also continue Tucson's 10+ year tradition of installing solar equipment on city facilities and would come at an important time, given the City's strained financial circumstances. This funding would make these projects possible.

My office is involved with various aspects of solar development in Tucson and would welcome the opportunity to continue working with your office to make Tucson The Solar City. These projects would contribute to that effort and provide a visual opportunity for residents to see solar in action. They would also contribute to our City's efforts to reduce greenhouse gases. I urge you to support this funding.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Rodney Glassman Vice Mayor

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